

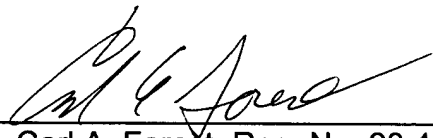
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner base the examination upon the attached International Publication No. WO 03/093193 A2 published November 13, 2003 as amended by the attached preliminary amendment. The claims have been revised to conform the claims to U.S. requirements, and to place the claims in condition for allowance based on references cited in the International Search Report. It is believed that no new matter was introduced in revising the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that the application, including claims 1 – 45, is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by collect telephone call to advance the prosecution in any respect.

No additional fee for this Preliminary Amendment is seen to be required. If any additional fees are required, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-1848.

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